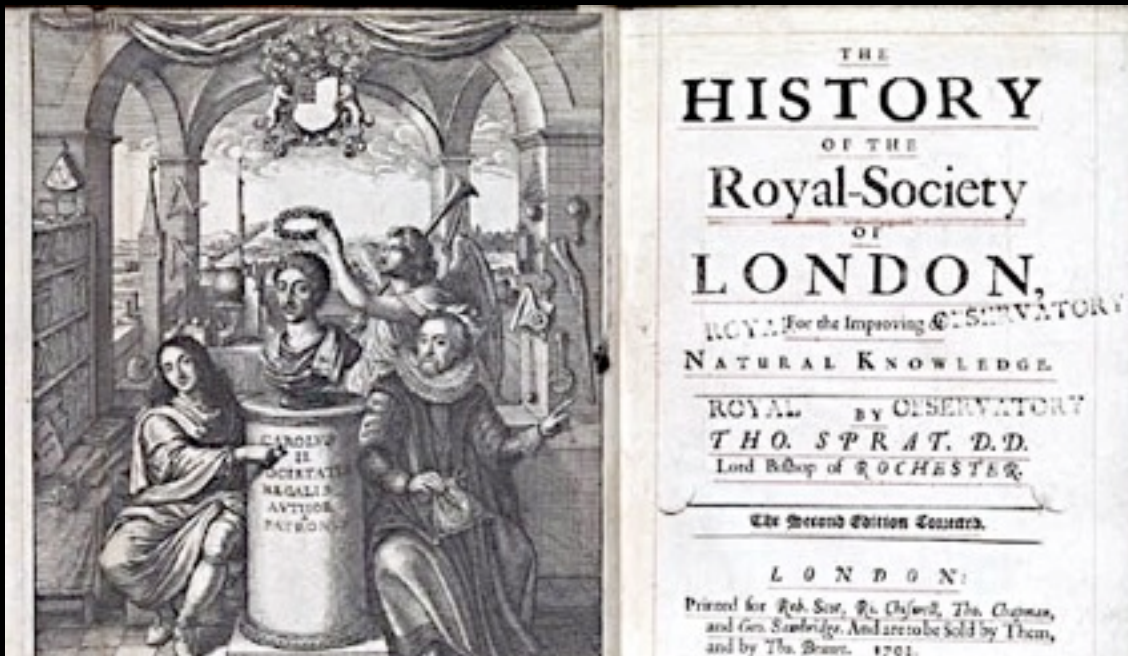


Making of the Western Mind Institute for the Study of Western Civilization Week 25, Galileo





1. Science in the Ancient World: Greece
Science in the Ancient World: Israel
2. Science in the Middle Ages
3. Science in the Ren-Ref
4. Science and Time
5. Science in the Seventeenth Century



Think of Western Civilization as a suspension bridge
It is always in tension and has to be.
Western Pillar is Ancient Greece
Eastern Pillar is Ancient Israel



SOCRATES
PLATO
ARISTOTLE

Abraham
Moses
David
Jesus

Augustine
Ambrose
Jerome





The
Ancient
Jews
give us
the week.

Time
Week
Clock
Science





1400 GREEK COMES TO FLORENCE
Now Greek Mss. can be rescued
Brought to European libraries

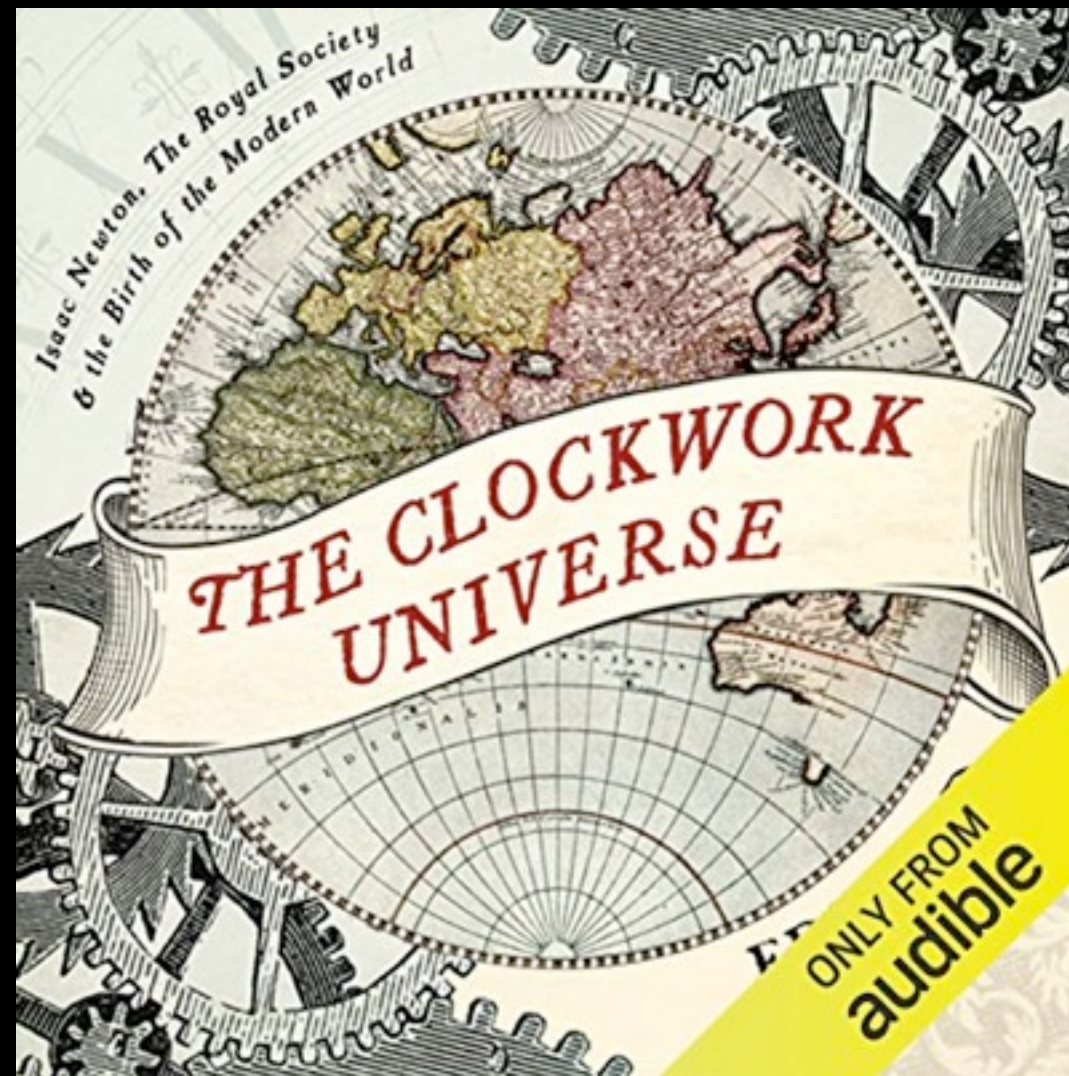
THE REFORMATION AND SCIENCE

freedom of speech
freedom of print
freedom of conscience



Oct 31, 1517
Luther Posts
the
Ninety-Five
Theses

Knowledge of Time, Measurement of Time and Science Inextricably Linked



THE CLOCKWORK UNIVERSE

SCIENCE AND TIME

SCIENCE TIME AND MODERNITY

MODERNITY=CHANGE

CHANGE REQUIRES A CLOCK TO KEEP
TRACK OF THINGS

SCIENCE REQUIRES A CLOCK (Experiments)

THE CLOCK/WATCH is the SINGLE MOST
CENTRAL DEVICE OF MODERNITY

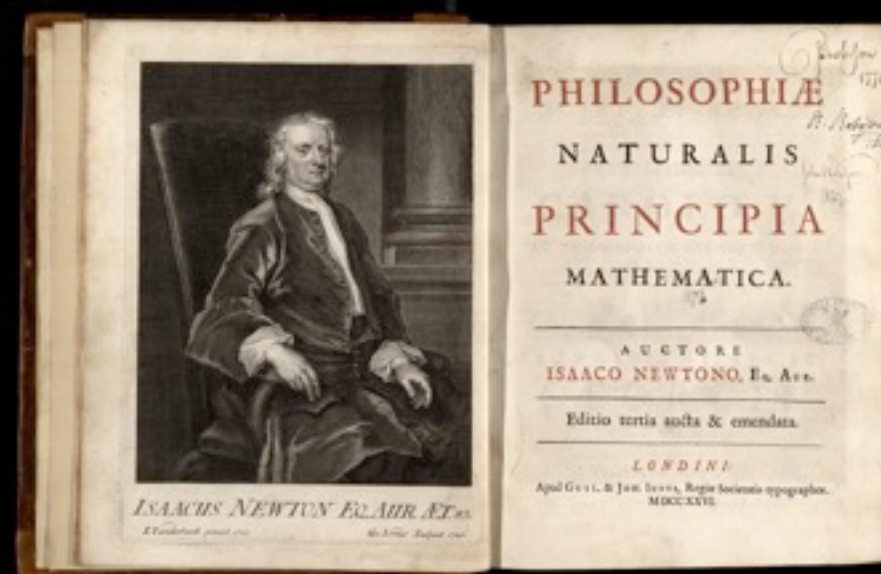
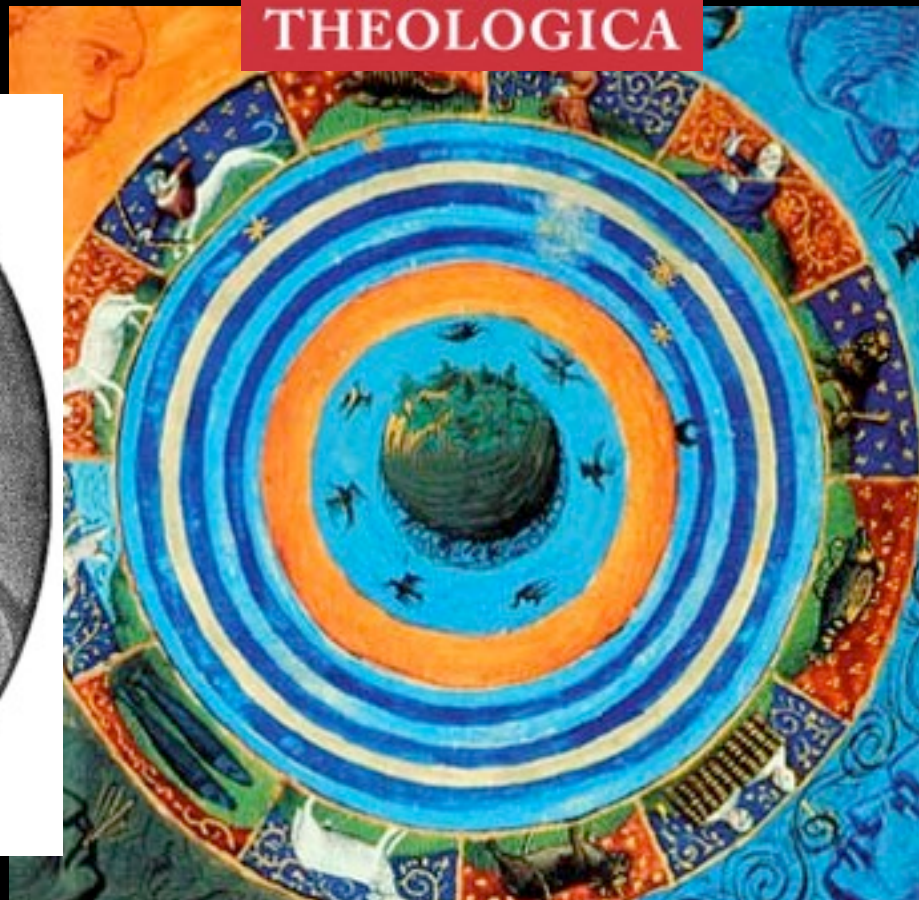
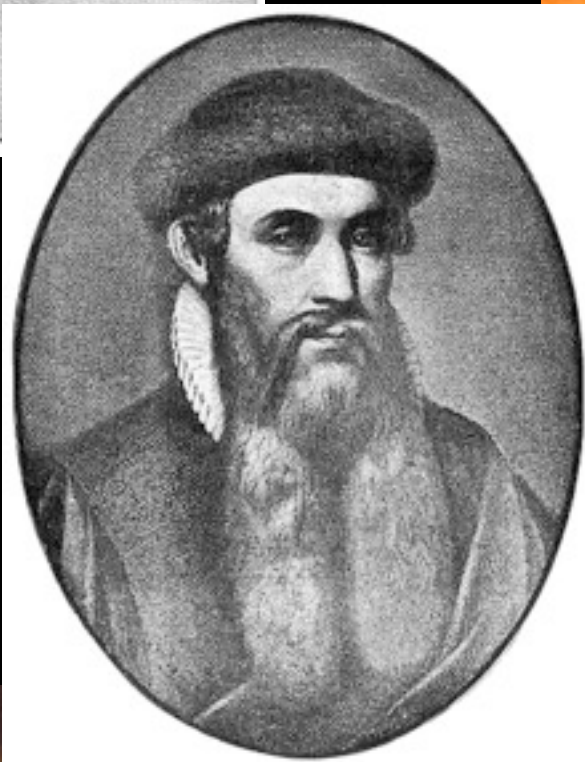
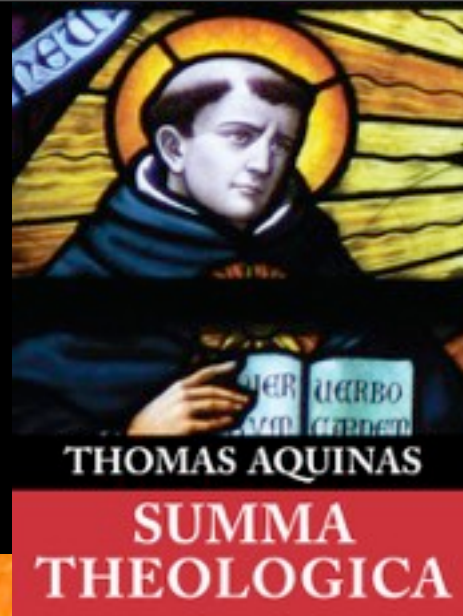
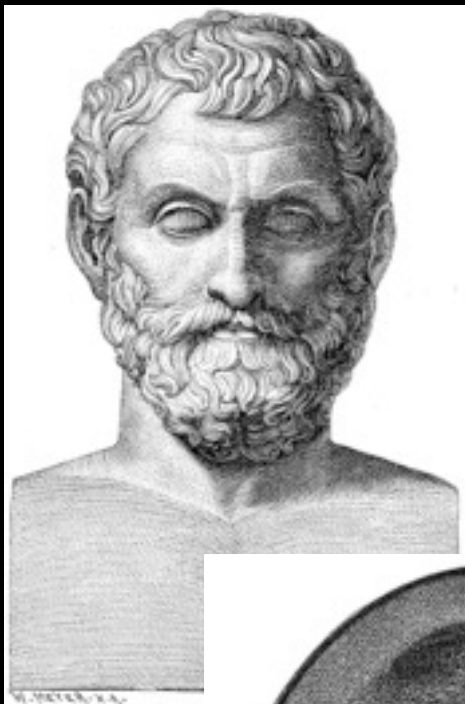
A Revolution in Time and Science

Mechanical Clocks

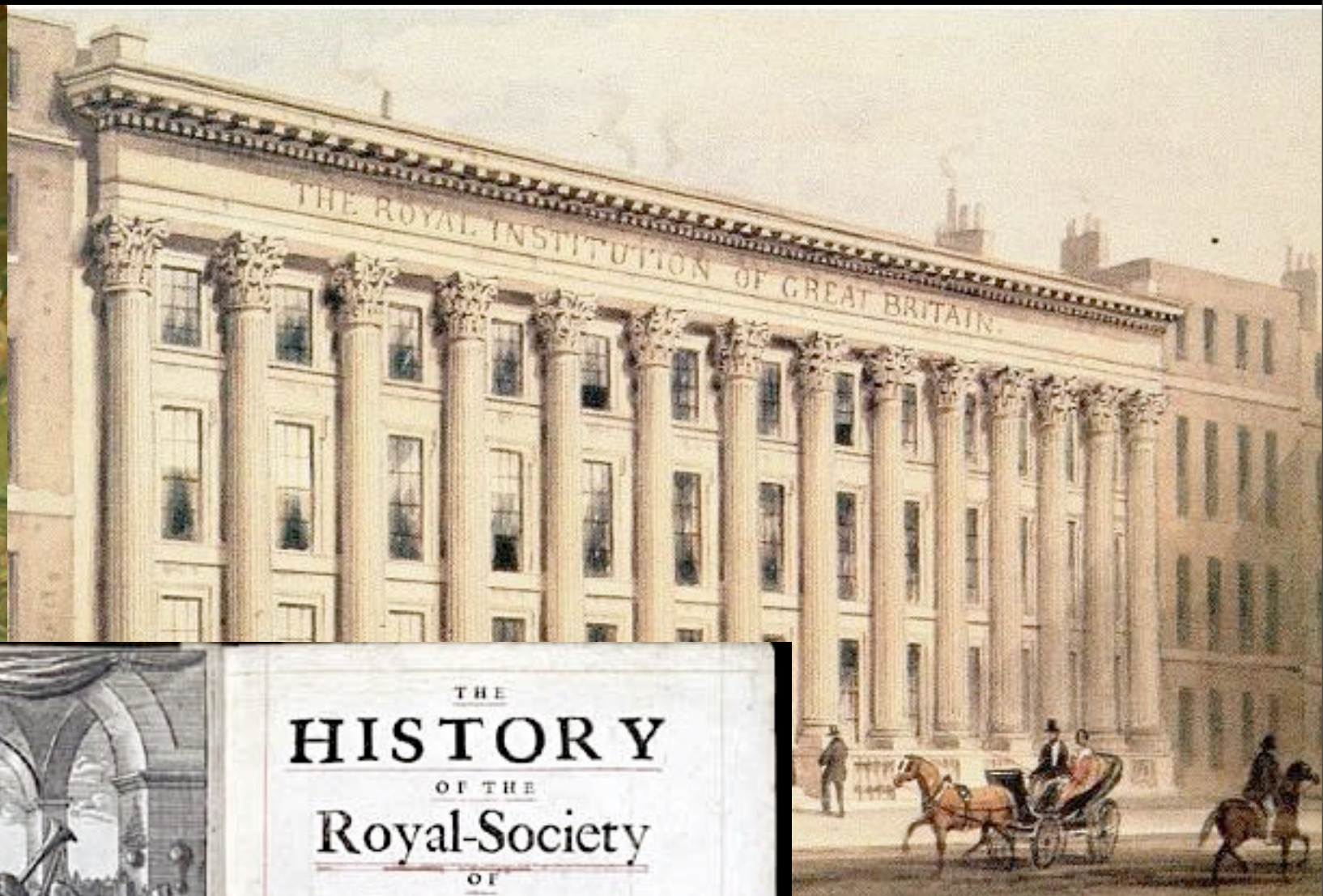
better than sand clocks, better than water clocks
better than sundials.

Mechanical clocks create THE EQUAL HOUR
1300-1400





Foundation of the Royal Society, Founded in November 1660, it was granted a Royal Charter by King Charles II.

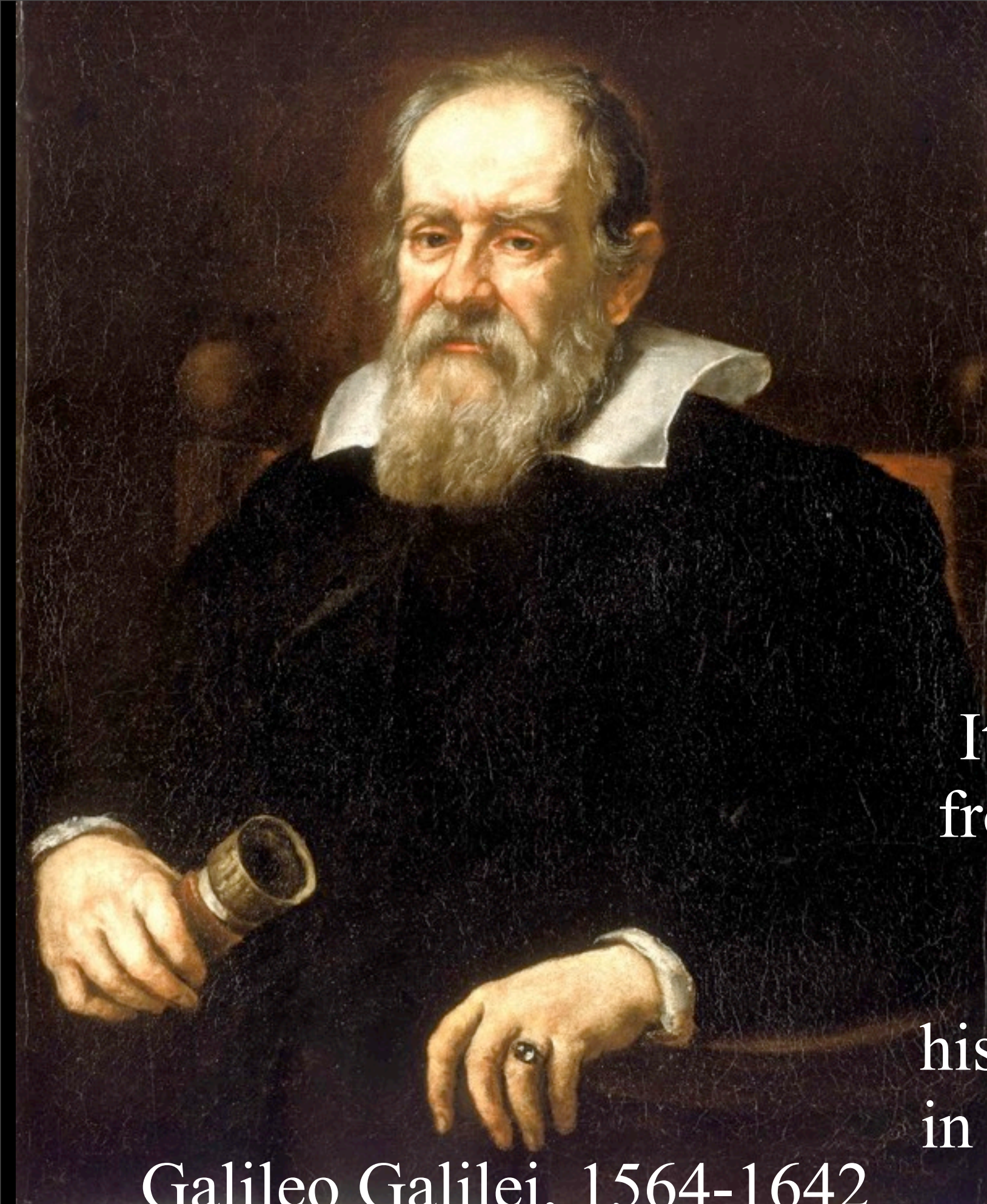


Beginning of Modern Science

- 1530 **Paracelsus**(1493-1541), founder: toxicology, apply chemistry to physiology, pathology
- 1543 **Nicholas Copernicus**, De revolutionibus orbium coelestium
- 1543 **Andreas Vesalius**(1514-1564), De humani corporis fabrica ANATOMY supplants Greek Galen
- 1546 **Agricola** (1494-1555), De natura fossilium, introduces term “fossil”, rocks, mineralogy
- 1589 **Galileo** (1564-1642), experiments with falling bodies (experimental method)
- 1600 **William Gilbert**, De magnete, magnetisque corporibus, magnetic properties of earth
- 1608 **Hans Lippershey**, (1570-1619) invents telescope, Middleburg, Zeeland, Holland
- 1609 **Johannes Kepler** (1571-1630) laws of planetary motion, Astronomia Nova.
- 1610, **Galileo**, Starry Messenger, printed Venice. new planets Implication: Copernicus right.
- 1620, **Francis Bacon** (1561-1626), Novum organum, (The New Method)
- 1628, **William Harvey** Exercitatio anatomica de motu cordis et sanguinis in animalibus
first to describe circulation of blood and function of heart, rejects Greeks/Aristotle
- 1637, **Descartes** “La Geometrie” founds modern analytical geometry
- 1638 **Galileo**, Discorsi e dimostrazioni matematiche, foundation of modern mechanics
- 1662, **Royal Society** July 16, King Charles II grants charter, (Hooke, Newton, Boyle)
On 28 November 1660, the 1660 committee of 12 announced the formation of a "College for the Promoting of Physico-Mathematical Experimental Learning", which would meet weekly.
discuss science and run experiments. publish newsletter, articles of Royal Society 1st journal
- 1661 **Robert Boyle** (1627-1691), Skeptical Chymist founds elements/analysis of chemistry
- 1676 **Anthony van Leeuwenhoek** discovers micro-organisms with microscope
- 1687 **Isaac Newton**, Philosophiæ naturalis principia mathematica,
universal gravitation and the laws of motion.



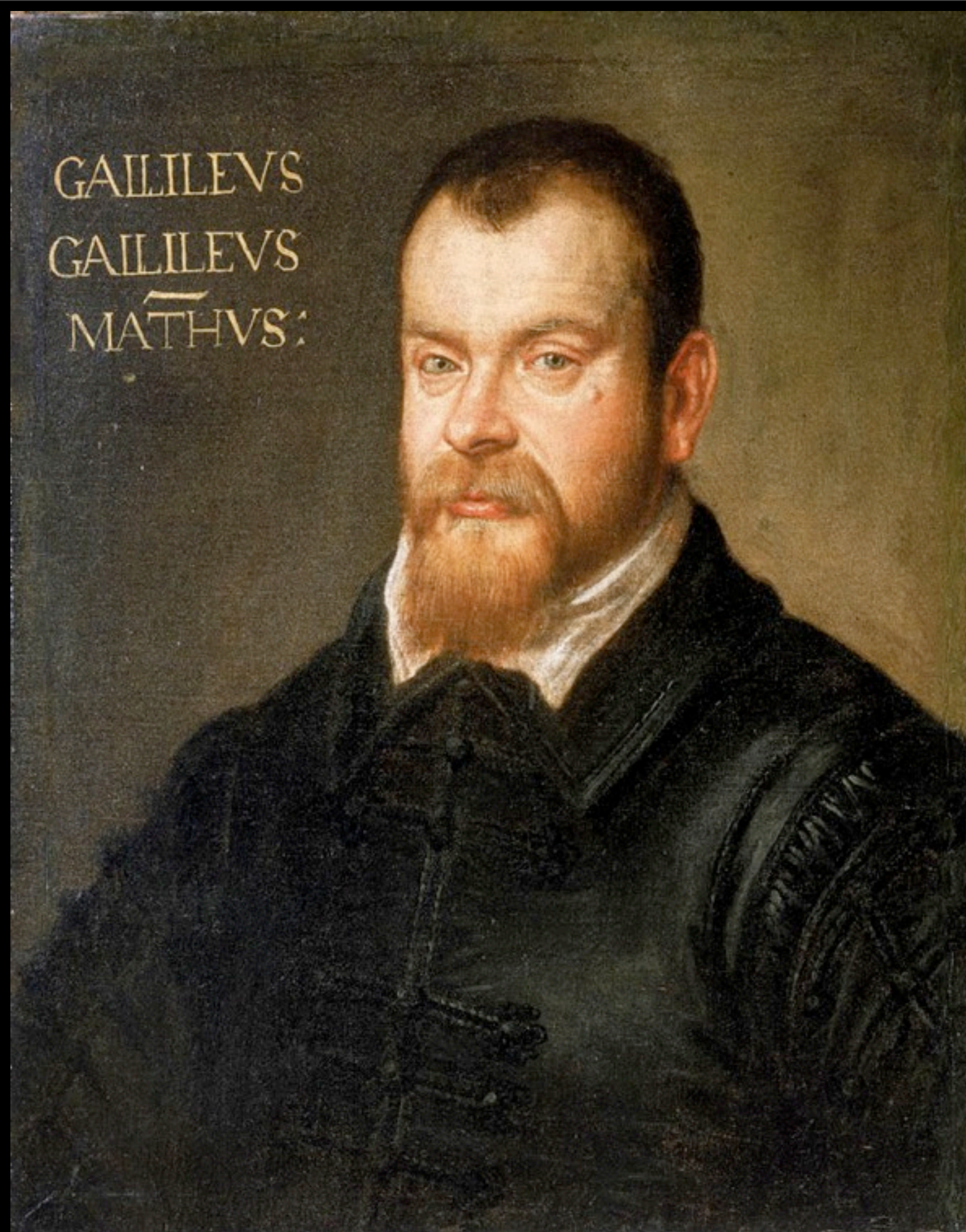
Galileo Galilei, 1564-1642



Galileo Galilei, 1564-1642

Galileo's
life and work
will show the
impossibility of
higher authorities
in Europe trying to
close down
unwelcome
scientific research.

It is true they stop him
from further publication
IN ITALY,
but they cannot stop
his ideas from circulating
in rest of world of 17th C
European printing.

















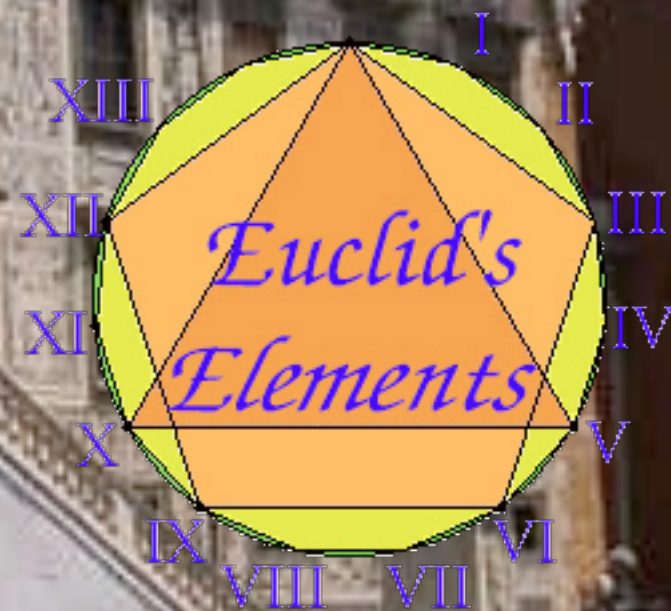


University of Pisa, 1581, Galileo enrolls, medicine



"In right-angled triangles the square on the side subtending the right angle is equal to the squares on the sides containing the right angle."

Euclid



Impediments
of Academic
Gown



1583-1585, begins to challenge Aristotle

OVERTHROW OF ARISTOTLE

(Aristotle vs. 17th C)

Descartes / Bacon / Galileo

SCIENTIFIC METHOD-TEST THINGS-EXPERIMENT

first small things, later big things(universe)

1. falling bodies

Aristotle said they fall according to their weight
but Galileo saw hailstones falling together
went to Tower and tested / diff weights fell together
thus idea of some other force (gravity??)

KEY: CAREFUL MEASUREMENT(=Descartes)

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body in motion tends to stay in motion
body at rest tends to stay at rest

UNLESS SOME FORCE PUSHES

LAMP: earthquake or cleaner pushes
PERIOD of SWING

independent of size, amplitude,
time it takes to swing back and forth

always the same no matter how far you pull

SEEMS OPPOSITE OF WHAT WE EXPECT

GALELEO: must be **some other force** (gravity)







1589 appt Prof of Math at Pisa / poor pay / poor prestige
at this time still accepts Ptolemaic cosmology

Science and the language of science

"Philosophy is written in this grand book the universe, which stands continually open to our gaze. . . .But the book cannot be understood unless one first learns to comprehend the language and to read the alphabet in which it is composed. It is written in the language of mathematics, and its characters are triangles, circles, and other geometric figures, without which it is humanly impossible to understand a single word of it; without these one wanders around in a dark labyrinth."

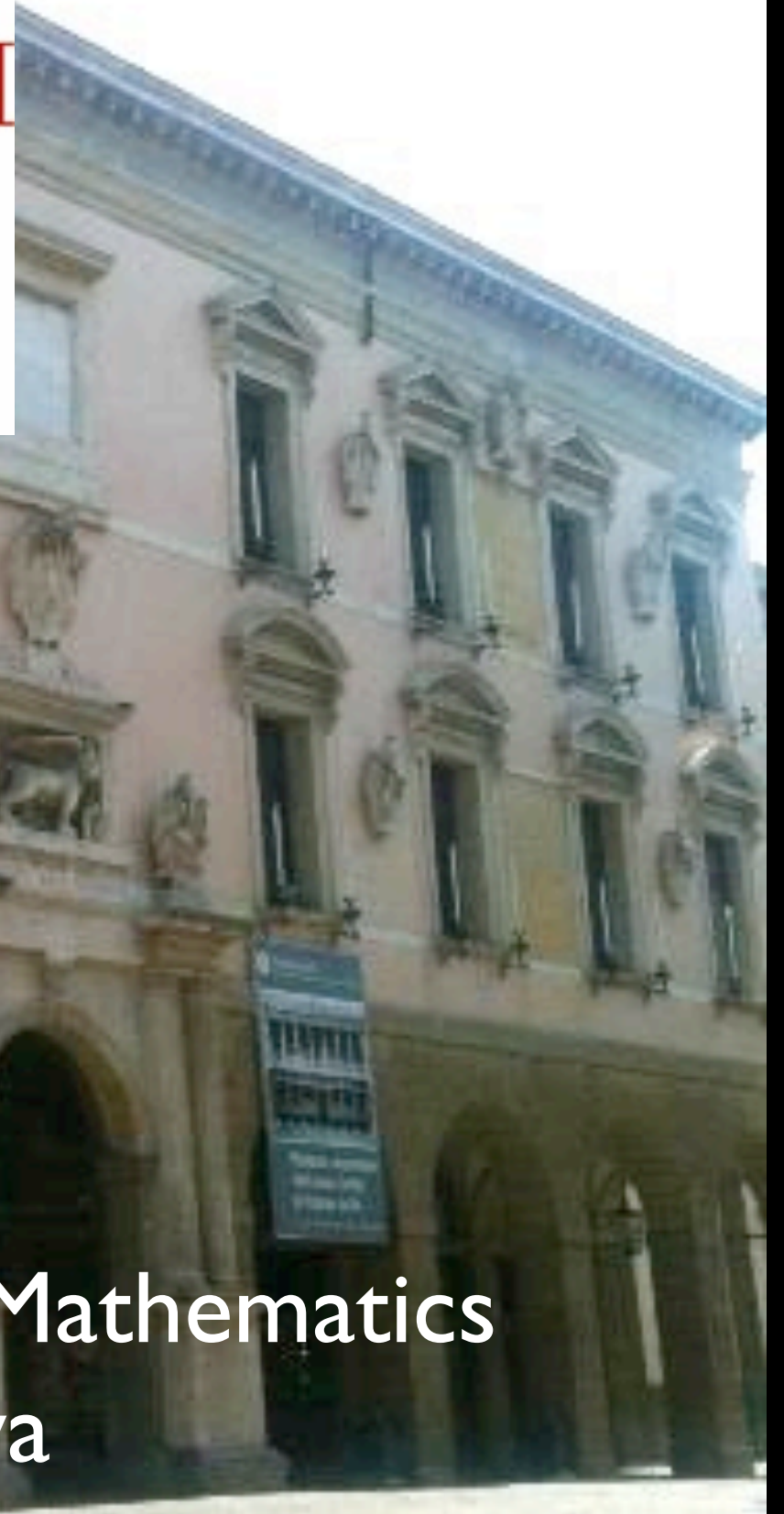
"I say that the **human intellect does understand some propositions perfectly**, and thus in these it has as much absolute certainty as has Nature herself. **Those are of the mathematical sciences alone**; that is, geometry and arithmetic, in which the Divine intellect indeed knows infinitely more propositions than we do, since it knows all. Yet with regard to those few which the human intellect does understand, **I believe that its knowledge equals the Divine in objective certainty** – for here it succeeds in understanding necessity, than which there can be no greater certainty."(Dialogue)



Invited to Lecture in Florence on
structure of Dante's Hell

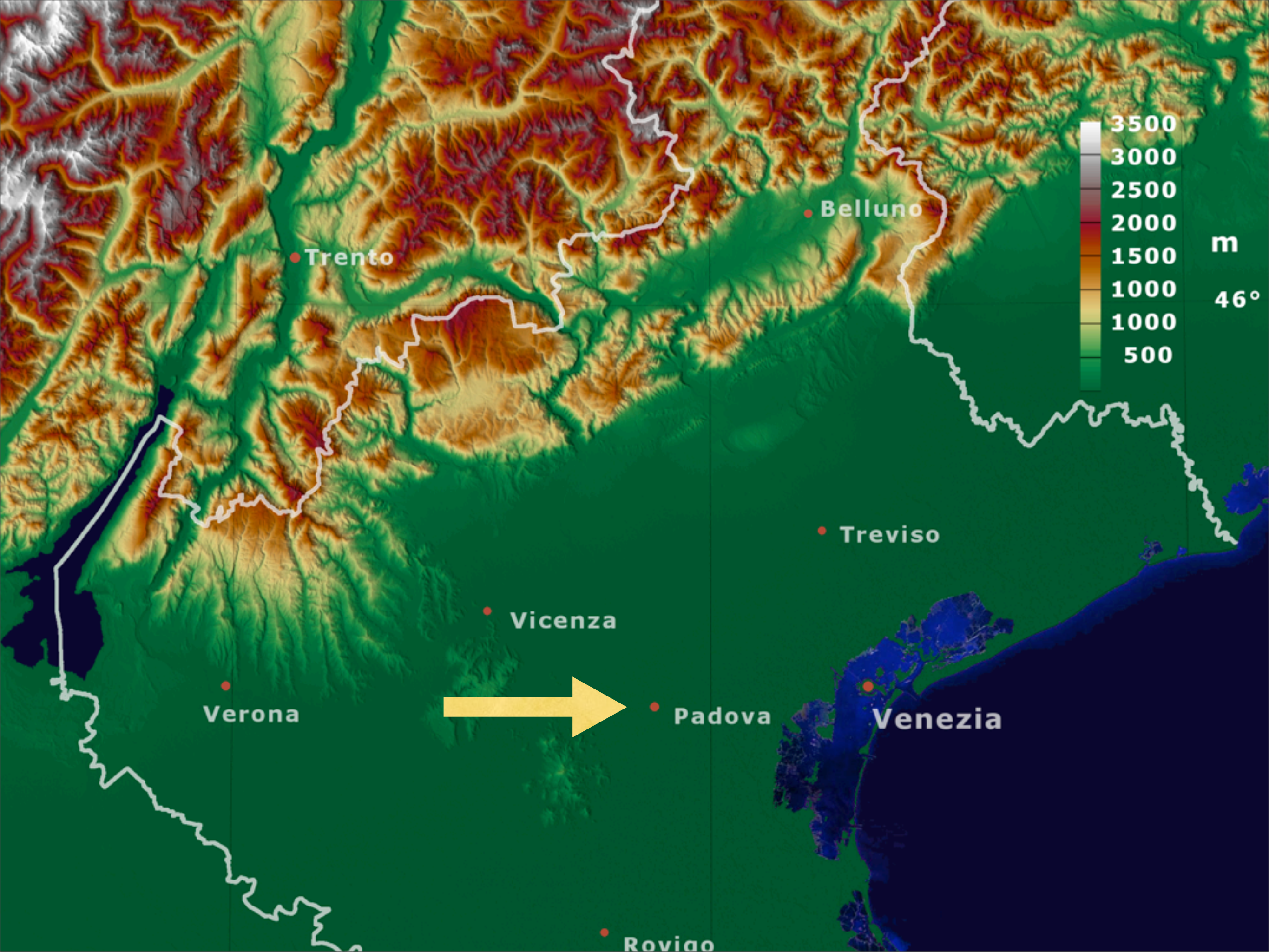


UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PADOVA



1592, appointed Professor of Mathematics
University of Padova





























Saint Anthony of Padua

1195 – 1231

was a Portuguese Catholic priest and friar of the Franciscan Order. He was born and raised by a wealthy family in Lisbon and died in Padua, Italy.

Noted by his contemporaries for his forceful preaching and expert knowledge of scripture.



Hotel Donatello























VIA ROMA SHOPPING CENTER OF PADUA



Padua

Town Centre

- 1 Caffè Pedrocchi
- 2 Town Hall
- 3 Palazzo della Ragione (Salone)
- 4 Loggia della Gran Guardia
- 5 Palazzo del Capitano
- 6 Santa Maria d. Servi
- 7 Equestrian Statue of Gattamelata
- 8 Scuola del Santo
- 9 Cappella degli Scrovegni
- 10 Scuola San Rocco
- 11 Corpus Domini

300 m
© Baedeker










Length: 60 feet

Width: 24 feet

Height: 36 feet

Sistine: 134 feet long, 44 feet wide, 68 feet high

The background image shows the interior of a church, likely the Basilica of San Marco in Venice. The floor is made of large, dark and light-colored square tiles in a checkered pattern. The walls are covered in extensive frescoes and murals depicting various religious scenes. Several people are visible in the background, walking through the nave. The lighting is warm and comes from windows on the right side of the image.

THE LIFE OF JESUS OF NAZARETH

1. Stories of Mary's parents: Joachim, Anna
2. Stories of Mary, Marriage
3. Birth of baby Jesus, Egypt
4. Jesus adult: Baptized by John
5. Apostles, Last Supper
6. Arrest, Death, Resurrection

















ALL'ULTIMO
DEI SUOI FULGORI ANNI PADOVANI
1592 - 1600
GALILEO GALILEI
GIÀ VIVSE
DI GIÙ
DEDE AL MONDO IL PRELUDIO
DELL'ERA NASCENTE E NOSTRA
E OSA FU SUO OSTRO:
LA LINGUA DI RUZZANTE
CHE NESSUNO
A CUI NON FOSSE STATA MATTERNA
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GLI ULTIMI
DEI SUOI FULGIDI ANNI PADOVANI
1592 - 1610

GALILEO GALILEI

QUI VISSE
DI QUI

DIEDE AL MONDO IL PRESAGIO
DELL'ERA NASCENTE E NOSTRA
E QUI FU SUO OZIO
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Piazza Cavour with Camillo Cavour









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Saturday May 23, 2020







1609, Venice

Sec^{mo} Principe.

Galileo Galilei Humilis^s Servo della Ser.^a V.^a invigilan.
Do assistiamo et di ogni spirito se potere non solo satisfare
alvario che viene della Altura di Madonati nella fra-
zio di Padua,

Inviare Diverse determinate di presentare al Sec^{mo} Principe
l'occhiale et di pensare di giuamente inestimabile se ogni
negotio et in terra marittima o terrestre stano di tenere qual-
che nuovo artificio nel maggior segreto et solam^e a disposizione
di S.^a Ser.^a L'occhiale cavato dalle piu^e di dte speculazioni di
prospettiva ha l'vantaggio di scoprire Legni et Vele dell'inimico
di far loro et piu di tempo prima di esser scoperti et distinguendo
il numero et la qualita dei Vasselli giudicare la sua forte
pallottarsi alla caccia et combattimento o alla fuga, o pure ancor
nella campagna aperta andare et partirsene distinguere ogni suo
moto et provvedimento.

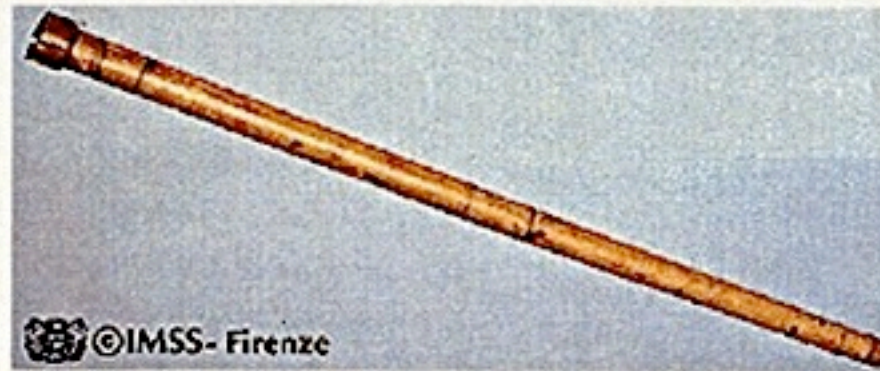
Adi 7. di Gennaio
Giorno si vede a
Adi 8. anni
ora d'ora diretto et no retrogrado
Adi 12. si vede in tale costituzione
Il 13. si vede in tale costituzione a giorno 4 stelle
Adi 14. è angelo
Il 15. la proli^a è 4 ora in mira la 4^a ora di
stante dalla 3^a il doppio tanto
Lo spazio delle 3. ore di notte ad ora
maggiore del diametro di 7. et c.
vanno in linea retta.

This is an image of a letter written by Galileo Galilei in August 1609 to Leonardo Donato, Doge of Venice, "In 1609 [Galileo] received a description of a telescope which had been developed the year before in the Dutch town of Middelburg by an optician, one Jan Lippershey. Applying his knowledge of optical science, Galileo built such a glass or telescope for himself, and in the draft letter shown above offers his new "occhiale" to the Doge of Venice for use.





IV.18 Telescope of Galileo



c. 4.5 feet

Seventeenth Century. Wood, paper. Length: 1360mm

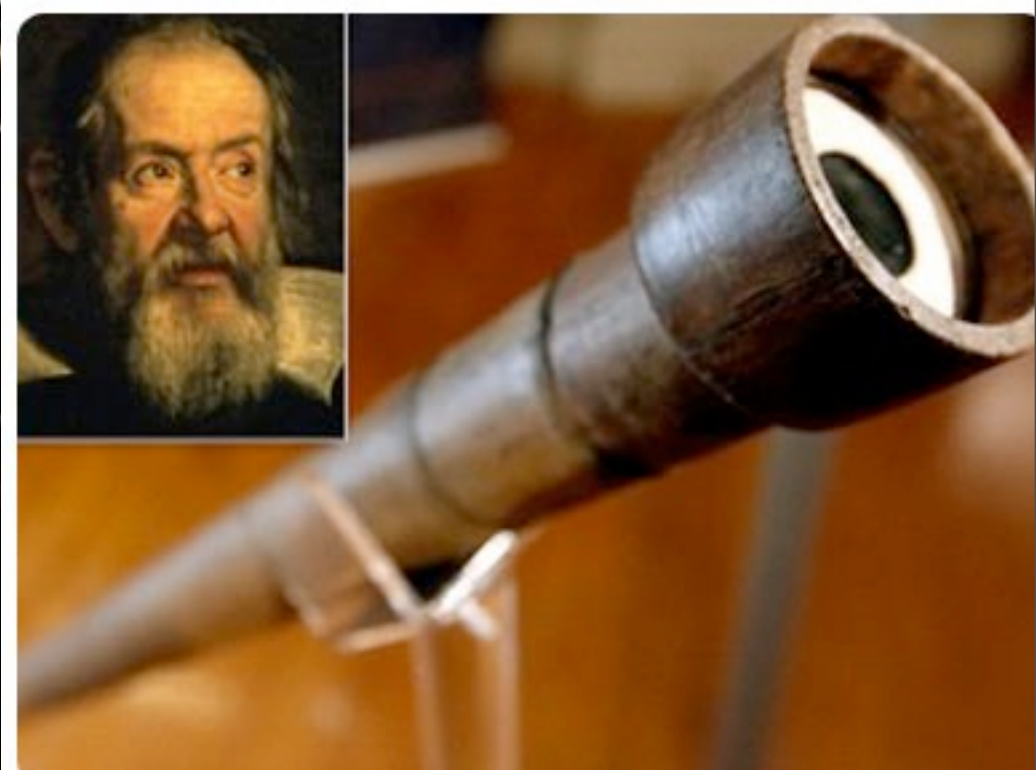
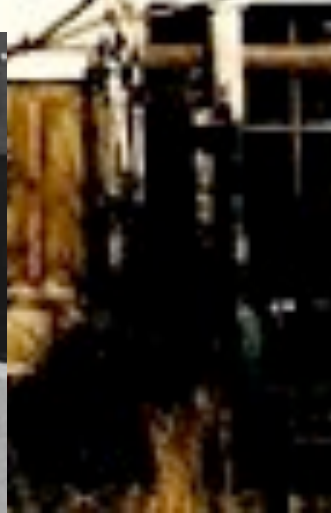
This wooden tube covered with paper is equipped with an objective bi-convex lens and a plano-convex eyepiece. It magnifies 14 times. The objective lens of this telescope has a focal distance of 1330mm and a useful aperture of 26mm. Shortly after making his famous astronomical discoveries, Galileo made or had craftsmen make several telescopes. Only a few of these can be identified with certainty. This one and the telescope IV.19 that is covered with red leather were undoubtedly his own. They became the property of Prince Leopoldo and became part of the Medici collection after Leopoldo's death in 1675. In the part of the ceiling of the Galleria





The Telescope: Observing and Measuring Astronomical Phenomena

Although the first "spyglasses" were fabricated in Holland in the early 17th century, Galileo alone realized their astronomical potential. He perfected the telescope, improving it to a magnifying power of 20 and transforming it into a measuring device. With his telescopes Galileo managed to tabulate the orbital periods of Jupiter's satellites. He designed the jovilabe and was confident that the instrument, in combination with a clock featuring an innovative pendulum escapement, would enable him to solve the quest for longitude at sea.







1610 (March)

published in Venice,
The Starry Messenger

finds moon not smooth / finds satellites around Jupiter

VIOLENT REACTION

both positive and negative because of implications for whole Aristotelian phil /
if one piece fell it all fell.

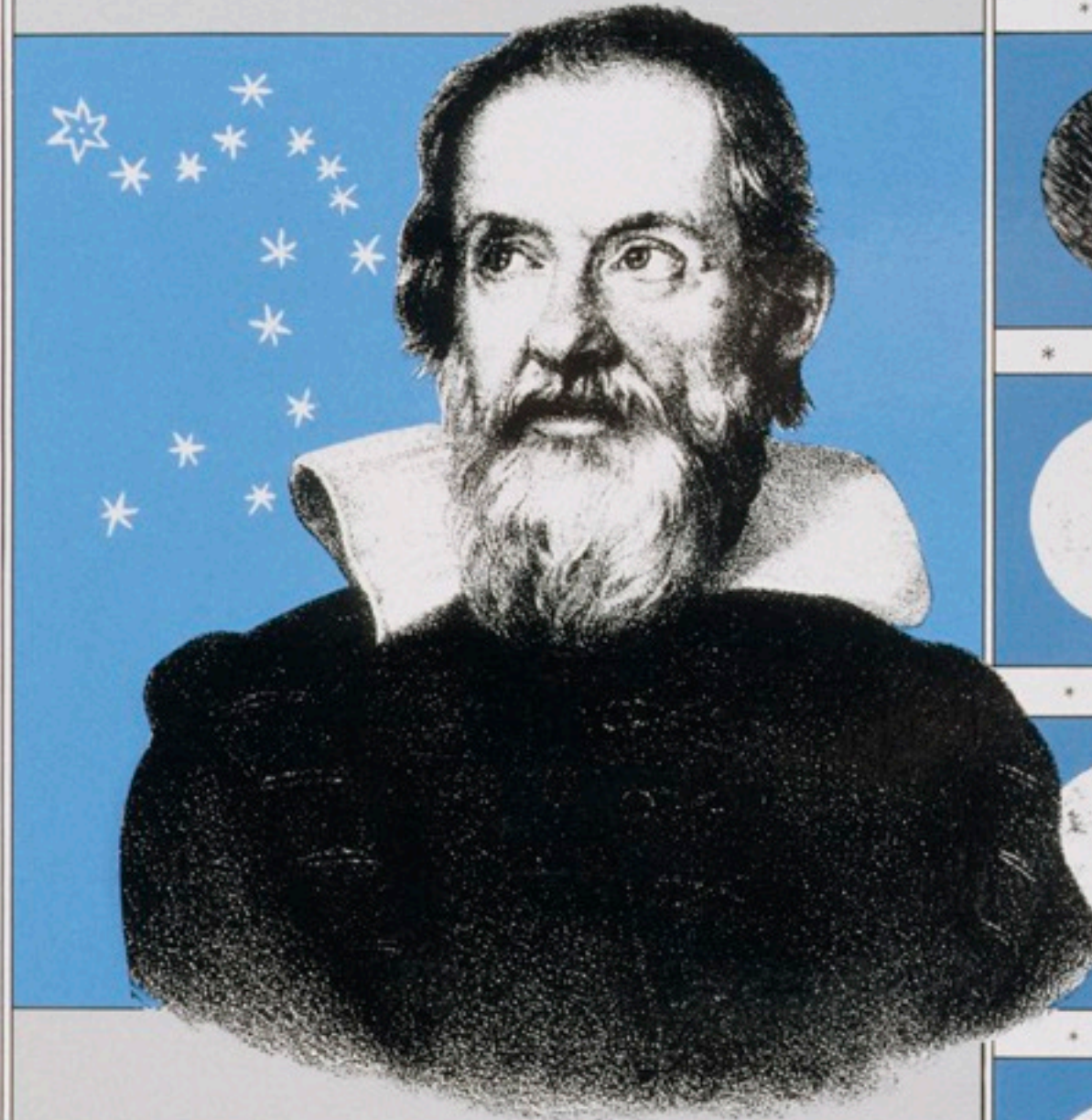
fan letters pour in to Padua.

WHAT HAD HE FOUND:

- 1) moon / craters / mountains (not perfect as per Aristotle)
- 2) satellites around Jupiter (Aristotle didn't know)
- 3) the Milky Way...infinite

"All the disputes which have tormented philosophers through so many ages are exploded at once by the irrefutable evidence of our eyes, and we are freed from wordy disputes upon this subject, for the Galaxy is nothing else but a mass of innumerable stars planted together in clusters. Upon whatever part of it you direct the telescope straightaway a vast crowd of stars presents itself to view..."

SIDEREUS NUNCIUS
or
THE SIDEREAL MESSENGER
GALILEO GALILEI



Translated with
introduction, conclusion, and notes by

ALBERT VAN HELDEN



Within hours after **The Starry Messenger** came off the press in Venice on March 12, 1610, the British ambassador, Sir Henry Wotton, sent a copy home to King James I and wrote the following in a cover letter to the Earl of Salisbury:

"I send herewith unto His Majesty the strangest piece of news (as I may justly call it) that he hath ever yet received from any part of the world; which is the annexed book (come abroad this very day) of the Mathematical Professor at Padua, who by the help of an optical instrument (which both enlargeth and approximateth the object) invented first in Flanders, and bettered by himself, hath discovered four new planets rolling about the sphere of Jupiter, besides many other unknown fixed stars; likewise, the true cause of the Via Lacta [Milky Way], so long searched; and lastly, that the moon is not spherical, but endued with many prominences, and, which is of all the strangest, illuminated with the solar light by reflection from the body of the earth, as he seemeth to say. So as upon the whole subject he hath first overthrown all former astronomy— for we must have a new sphere to save the appearances—and next all astrology. For the virtue of these new planets must needs vary the judicial part, and why may there not yet be more? These things I have been bold thus to discourse unto your Lordship, whereof here all corners are full. And the author runneth a fortune to be either exceeding famous or exceeding ridiculous. By the next ship your Lordship shall receive from me one of the above instruments, as it is bettered by this man."

SIDEREAL MESSENGER

unfolding great and very wonderful sights
and displaying to the gaze of everyone,
but especially philosophers and astronomers,
the things that were observed by

GALILEO GALILEI,

Florentine patrician¹

and public mathematician of the University of Padua,
with the help of a spyglass² lately devised³ by him,
about the face of the Moon, countless fixed stars,
the Milky Way, nebulous stars,
but especially about
four planets

flying around the star of Jupiter at unequal intervals
and periods with wonderful swiftness;
which, unknown by anyone until this day,
the first author detected recently
and decided to name

MEDICEAN STARS⁴

1. Galileo came from a Florentine family that can be traced back to the thirteenth century. His ancestors included several members of the governing council of the Florentine Republic and a celebrated physician. His family tree can be found in *Opere*, 19:17. See also Stillman Drake, *Galileo at Work*, 448.

2. The Latin word used here is *perspicillum*. Galileo used the Italian word *occhiale* to describe the instrument. I have translated these terms as *spyglass* throughout. The word *telescope* was unveiled only in 1611. See p. 112, below.

3. Galileo used the Latin word *reperi*, from the verb *reperio*. This word can mean both *invented* and *devised*. Although Galileo was often accused of claiming he actually invented (in our sense) the telescope, this is clearly a calumny, as demonstrated by the passage on pp. 36–37, below. See Edward Rosen, "Did Galileo Claim He Invented the Telescope?" *Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society* 98 (1954): 304–12.

4. Galileo referred to Jupiter's satellites as both "planets" and "stars." In the old terminology, based on Aristotelian cosmology, both terms were correct. See also note 31, p. 15.

S I D E R E V S N V N C I V S

MAGNA, LONGEQVE ADMIRABILIA

Spectacula pandens, suspiciendaque proponens
vnicuique, præsertim verò

PHILOSOPHIS, atq; ASTRONOMIS, quæ à

GALILEO GALILEO
PATRITIO FLORENTINO

Patauini Gymnasij Publico Mathematico

PERSPICILLI

Nuper à se reperi beneficiis sunt observata in LVNÆ FACIE, FIXIS IN-
NUMERIS, LACTEO CIRCVLO, STELLIS NEBVLOSIS,

Apprime verò in

QVATVOR PLANETIS

Circa IOVIS Stellam disparibus intervallis, atque periodis, celeri-
tate mirabili circumvolutis; quos, nemini in hanc vsque
diem cognitos, nouissimè Author depræ-
hendit primus; atque

MEDICEA SIDERA
NVNCVPANDOS DECREVIT.



VENETIIS, Apud Thomam Baglionum. MDCX.

Superiorum Permissu, & Privilegio.



Die 23. July. Anno domini 1680. Eschth. reimpelt
in Jacob. Die Gom. des Potany primus
Brennari 7. orientale matut. n. cui
salute 64. Placit. 16. die. orientale
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At the University of Padua

Galileo:

"the whole university turned out, and I so convinced and satisfied everyone that in the end those very leaders who at first were my sharpest critics and the most stubborn opponents of the things I had written, seeing their case to be desperate and in fact lost, stated publicly that they are not only persuaded but are ready to defend and support my teachings against any philosopher who dares to attack them."

but the opposition grew:

a critic on the Moon:

"Being ingenerable, incorruptible, inalterable, invariant, eternal, etc., implies that celestial bodies are absolutely perfect; and being absolutely perfect entails their having all kinds of perfection. Therefore their shape is also perfect; that is to say, spherical – and absolutely and perfectly spherical, not approximately and irregularly." (as Aristotle had said....)

The Aristotelians

1600-1650 under siege. (Descartes / Bacon / Copernicus / Kepler / Galileo)

ARISTOTELIANS KNEW THEY COULD NOT GRANT ANY DEVIATION FROM WHOLE PHIL OTHERWISE WHOLE STRUCTURE WOULD COLLAPSE.

THEY WERE RIGHT.

Galileo:

"These doctors of philosophy never concede the moon to be less polished than a mirror; they want it to be more so, if that can be imagined, for they deem that only perfect shapes can suit perfect bodies. Hence the sphericity of the heavenly globes must be absolute. Otherwise, if they were to concede me any inequality, even the slightest, I would grasp without scruple for some other, a little greater, for since perfection consists in indivisibles, a hair spoils it as much as a mountain." (Dialogues)

But not only would they not grant him his argument, they WOULD NOT LOOK INTO THE TELESCOPE so his opponent at Padua, Cremonini refused.

The philosophical debate: The Philosophers (Aristotelians)

the Ptolemaic Opposition, Jean Bodin, French phil:

"No one in his senses or imbued with the slightest knowledge of physics, will ever think that the earth, heavy and unwieldy from its own weight and mass, staggers up and down around its own center and that of the sun; for at the slightest jar of the earth, we would see cities and fortresses, towns, and mountains thrown down.....For if the earth were to be moved, neither arrow shot straight up, nor stone dropped from the top of a tower would fall perpendicularly, but either ahead or behind.....Lastly, all things on finding places suitable to their natures, remain there, as Aristotle writes. Since therefore the earth has been allotted a place fitting its nature, it cannot be whirled around by other motion than its own."



1610 PERSONAL CRISIS
MARINA GAMBA of VENICE
AND HIS DAUGHTERS
(Later Suore Maria Celeste)





1610, Grand Duke of Tuscany Medici Invites Galileo to Flo

The Florentine Years 1610-1632

invited back to Florence by Medici, given house

Now the international controversy grew more heated.

The essence of the debate was Galileo's public acceptance of the Copernican theory after the publication of his Starry Messenger.

Now what had been only a dull academic theory suddenly became real.

success of Starry Messenger

Galileo Becomes International Rock Star of Stars























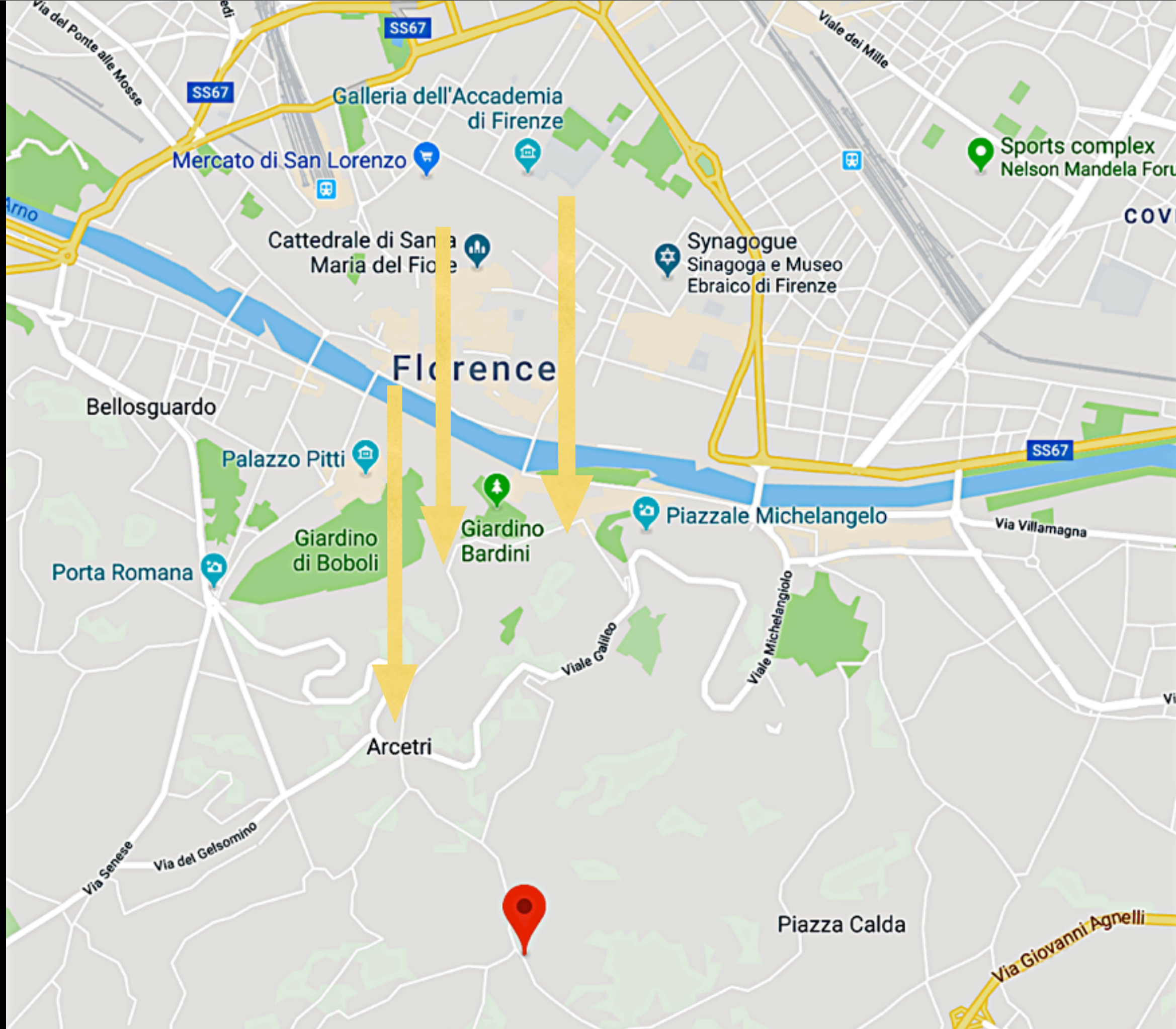






Pian dei Giulari, hilltop of the minstrels







Pian dei Giulari, hilltop of the minstrels (Arcetri)









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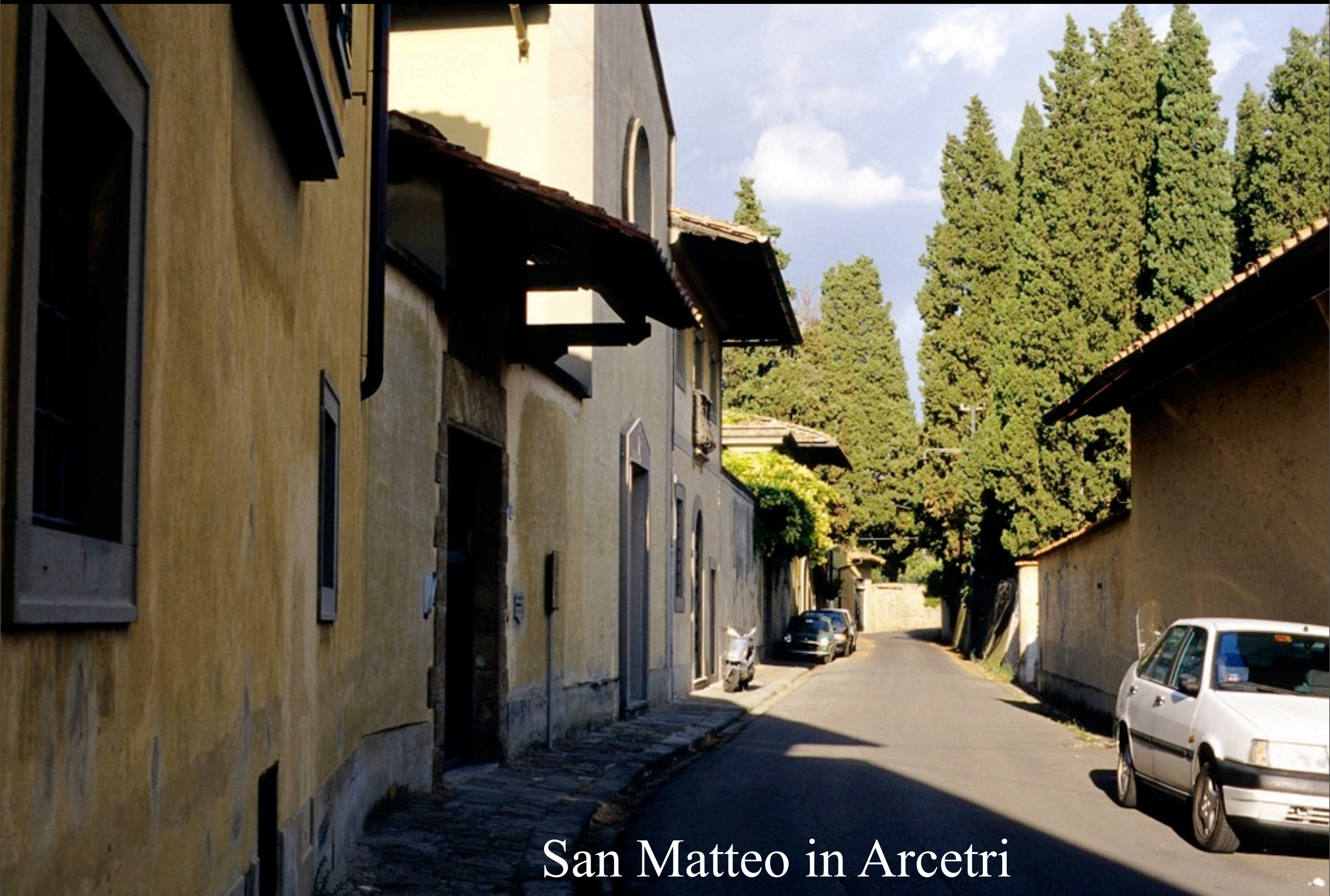








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GALILEO'S DAUGHTER

A HISTORICAL MEMOIR of
SCIENCE, FAITH, and LOVE



DAVA SOBEL
Author of LONGITUDE













Molto M. et Amato. no Sig. D.

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Ho letto col gran gusto quando le bolle les da lei mandate, la ringra-
tando, e per l'occasione, col seccala per d'Ancone e L'adonice a d'ora
dell'altre; mandogli appresso una bolla di Piacenza, accio ch'el suo
comodo gliela vada. Ringrati il Sig. et mi vallesse col lei del
suo miglioramento, et la prego a riguardarsi più che gl'è possibile,
per a tanto ch'non capisca la desiderata sanità; la ringrazio
delle sue troppe amorevoli dte, et in vero mentre che a me non
vorrei ch'el noi si pigliassi tanto pensiero. La saluto col ogni
affetto, in nome col S. Archang. et da mio Sig. gi. a buona sera
della sua Fratria. Di S. Maria il di 10 d'Aprile d'An. 1627

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Florence Summer 1632

Publication and the Dangers in 1630s

Censorship in Post-Council of Trent Atmosphere

all books on any topic had to be submitted to the church censor.

this followed a bull from Pope Leo X 1515.

all books had to be submitted to the local bishop or appointees.

printers who printed a book without the papal imprimatur
risked excommunication, fines and the burning of their books.

another bull of 1520 from Pope Leo X prohibited the publication
of all books past or future from the pen of Martin Luther.

in 1542 the Roman Inquisition assumed supervision of all books
printed in Italy & in 1559 promulgated first list of Prohibited
Books.

1564 harsher penalties were imposed and authors as well as
printers could be excommunicated for publishing books
heretical

EVEN READERS of such texts could be punished.

booksellers had to beware and had to keep a complete of all their stock ready for any inspection by a bishop.

All of Galileo's previous books had undergone the requisite inspection. bookprinters were esp vigilant in Italy home of the Inquisition and esp Rome.

The Starry Messenger had been approved by the local Venetian authorities as well as the authorities in University of Padua. The Sunspot Letters were carefully discussed with Cardinal Bellarmine and this book along with the Assayer had been appropriately approved by the censors.



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DI
GALILEO GALILEI LINCEO
 MATEMATICO SOPRAORDINARIO
 DELLO STUDIO DI PISA.
E Filosofo, e Matematico primario del
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*Proponendo indeterminatamente le ragioni Filosofiche, e Naturali
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IN FIRENZA, Per Gio:Batista Landini MDCXXXII.

CON LICENZA DE' SUPERIORI.

The book that sealed his fate --

Galileo put the words of Pope Urban VIII (Mafeo Barberini) in the mouth of fictional character Simplicius (Simpleton) and lost the Pope's protection. The Inquisition soon reels him in. House arrest follows.

POPE URBAN VIII Mafeo Barberini



VRBANVS VIII. BARBERINVS PONT. MAX

Urban VIII in the first year of his pontificate

1632-33 TROUBLE IN ROME

During this time (1630s), Pope Urban had begun to fall more and more under the influence of court intrigue and problems of state. His friendship with Galileo began to take second place to his feelings of persecution and fear for his own life. At this low point in Urban's life, the problem of Galileo was presented to the pope by court insiders and enemies of Galileo. Coming on top of the recent claim by the then Spanish cardinal that Urban was soft on defending the church, he reacted out of anger and fear. This situation did not bode well for Galileo's defence of his book. Earlier, Pope Urban VIII had personally asked Galileo to give arguments for and against heliocentrism in the book, and to be careful not to advocate heliocentrism. He made another request, that his own views on the matter be included in Galileo's book. Only the latter of those requests was fulfilled by Galileo. Whether unknowingly or deliberately, **Simplicio**, the defender of the Aristotelian Geocentric view in *Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems*, was **often caught in his own errors and sometimes came across as a fool**. Indeed, although Galileo states in the preface of his book that the character is named after a famous Aristotelian philosopher (Simplicius in Latin, Simplicio in Italian), the name "Simplicio" in Italian also has the connotation of "simpleton". This portrayal of Simplicio made *Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems* appear as an advocacy book: an attack on Aristotelian geocentrism and defence of the Copernican theory. Unfortunately for his relationship with the Pope, Galileo put the words of Urban VIII into the mouth of Simplicio. Most historians agree Galileo did not act out of malice and felt blindsided by the reaction to his book. However, the Pope did not take the suspected public ridicule lightly, nor the Copernican advocacy. Galileo had alienated one of his biggest and most powerful supporters, the Pope, and was called to Rome to defend his writings.





Feb 17, 1600, Giordano Bruno Burned at Stake “Heresy”



September 1632, Galileo was ordered to come to Rome to stand trial. He finally arrived in February 1633 and was brought before inquisitor Vincenzo Maculani to be charged.





The Trial of Galileo June 1633



The sentence of the Inquisition was delivered on June 22.

It was in three essential parts:

Galileo was found "vehemently suspect of heresy", namely of having held the opinions that the Sun lies motionless at the centre of the universe, that the Earth is not at its centre and moves, and that one may hold and defend an opinion as probable after it has been declared contrary to Holy Scripture. He was required to "abjure, curse and detest" those opinions.

He was sentenced to formal imprisonment at the pleasure of the Inquisition. On the following day this was commuted to house arrest, which he remained under for the rest of his life.

His offending *Dialogue* was banned;

The Abjuration

"I Galileo, son of the late Vincenzo Galilei, Florentine, aged seventy years, arraigned personally before this tribunal and kneeling before you, most eminent and lord cardinals Inquisitors General against heretical pravity throughout the entire Christian Commonwealth, having before my eyes and touching with my hands the Holy Gospels, swear that I have always believed, do believe, and with Gods help will in the future believe all that is held, preached and taught by the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. But, whereas, after an injunction had been lawfully intimated to me by this Holy Office to the effect that I must altogether abandon the false opinion that the sun is the center of the world and immobile, and that the earth is not the center of the world and moves, and that I must not hold, defend, or teach, in any way, verbally or in writing, the said false doctrine, and after it had been notified to me that the said doctrine was contrary to Holy Scripture, I wrote and printed a book in which I treated this new doctrine already condemned and brought forth arguments in its favor without presenting any solution for them, I have been judged to be vehemently suspected of heresy, that is, of having held and believed that the sun is the center of the world and immobile and that the earth is not the center and moves.

Therefore, desiring to remove from the minds of Your Eminences, and all faithful Christians, this vehement suspicion rightly conceived against me, with sincere heart and unpretended faith I abjure, curse, and detest the aforesaid errors and heresies and also every other error and sect whatever, contrary to the Holy Church, and I swear that in the future I will never again say or assert verbally or in writing, anything that might cause a similar suspicion toward me; further, should I know any heretic or person suspected of heresy, I will denounce him to this Holy Office or to the Inquisitor or Ordinary of the place where I may be.

Rome, June 22, 1633.

io eccadur in qualche parte come ho già detto presso questa
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 tutto, e per tutto alla solita pietà, e cura di questo Tribunale
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 Io Galileo Galilei manu p.^a



The Trial of Galileo

June 1633



Cardinal from Siena (Piccolomini) arranged for Galileo to be allowed to return to Florence under house arrest



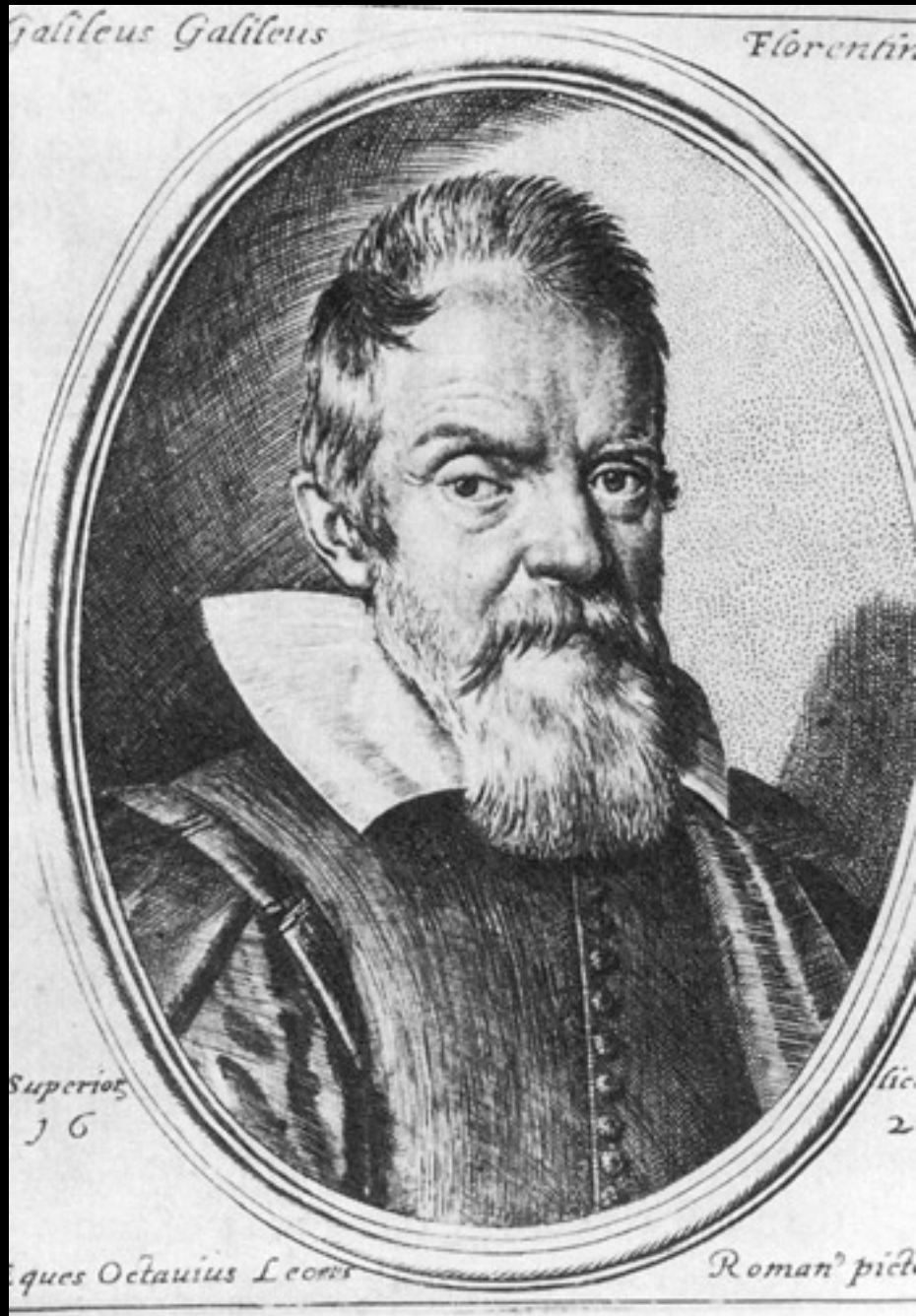


Death of Suore Maria Celeste

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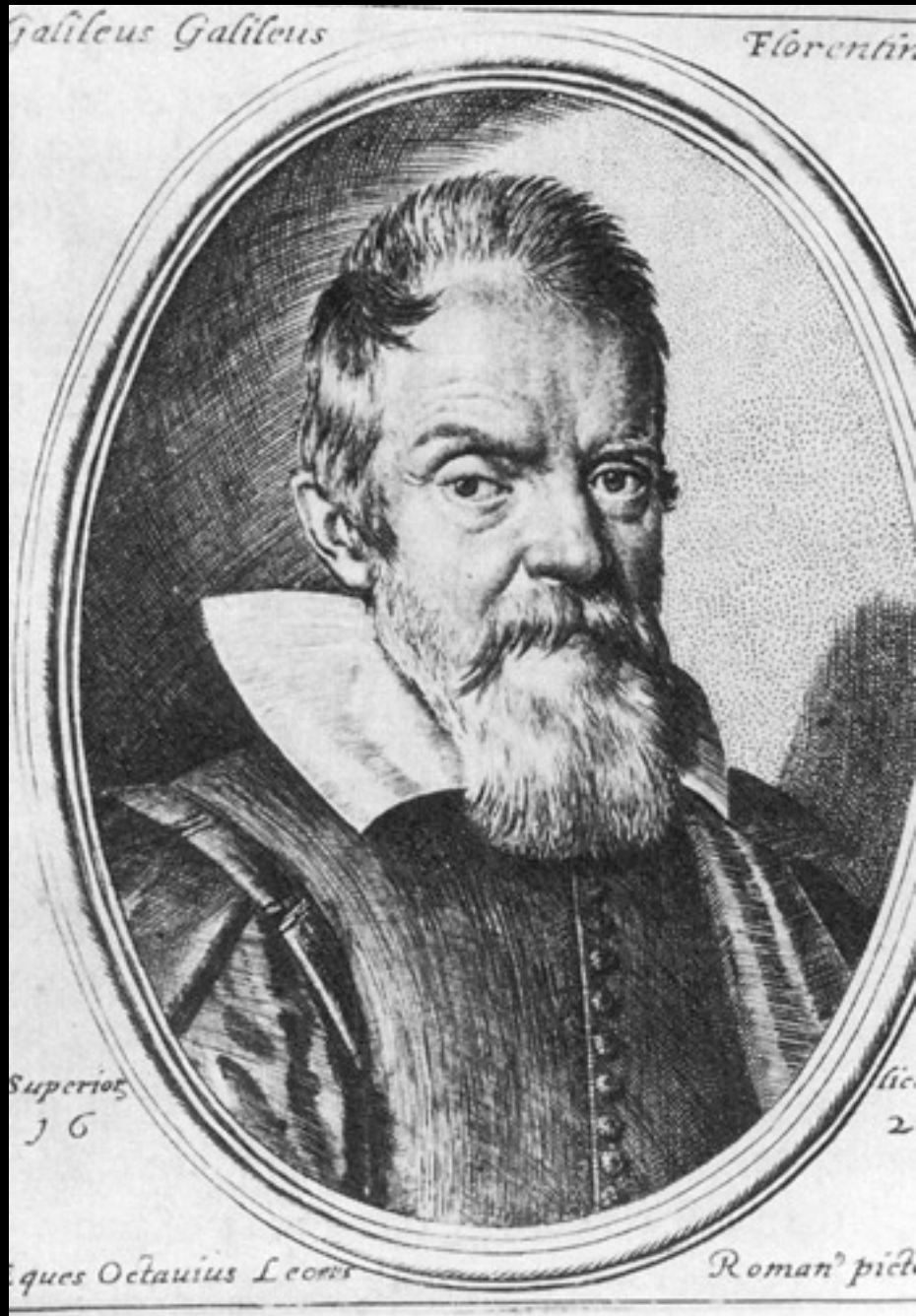






1638, Galileo completely blind:
“Alas your friend and servant
Galileo has for the last month been
irremediably blind, so that this
heaven, this earth, this universe
which I, by my remarkable
discoveries and clear
demonstrations had enlarged a
hundred times beyond what has
been believed by wise men of past
ages, for me is from this time
forth shrunk into so small a space
as to be filled by my own
sensations.”





Jan 8, 1642, Galileo Died.

"Today news has come of the loss of Signor Galilei, which touches not just Florence but the whole world, and our whole century which from this divine man has received more splendor than from almost all the other ordinary philosophers. Now, envy ceasing, the sublimity of that intellect will begin to be known which will serve all posterity as guide in the search for truth."(Luke Holste,).

Dec 25, 1642 Birth of Isaac Newton



Galileo Galilei, 1564 to January 8, 1642

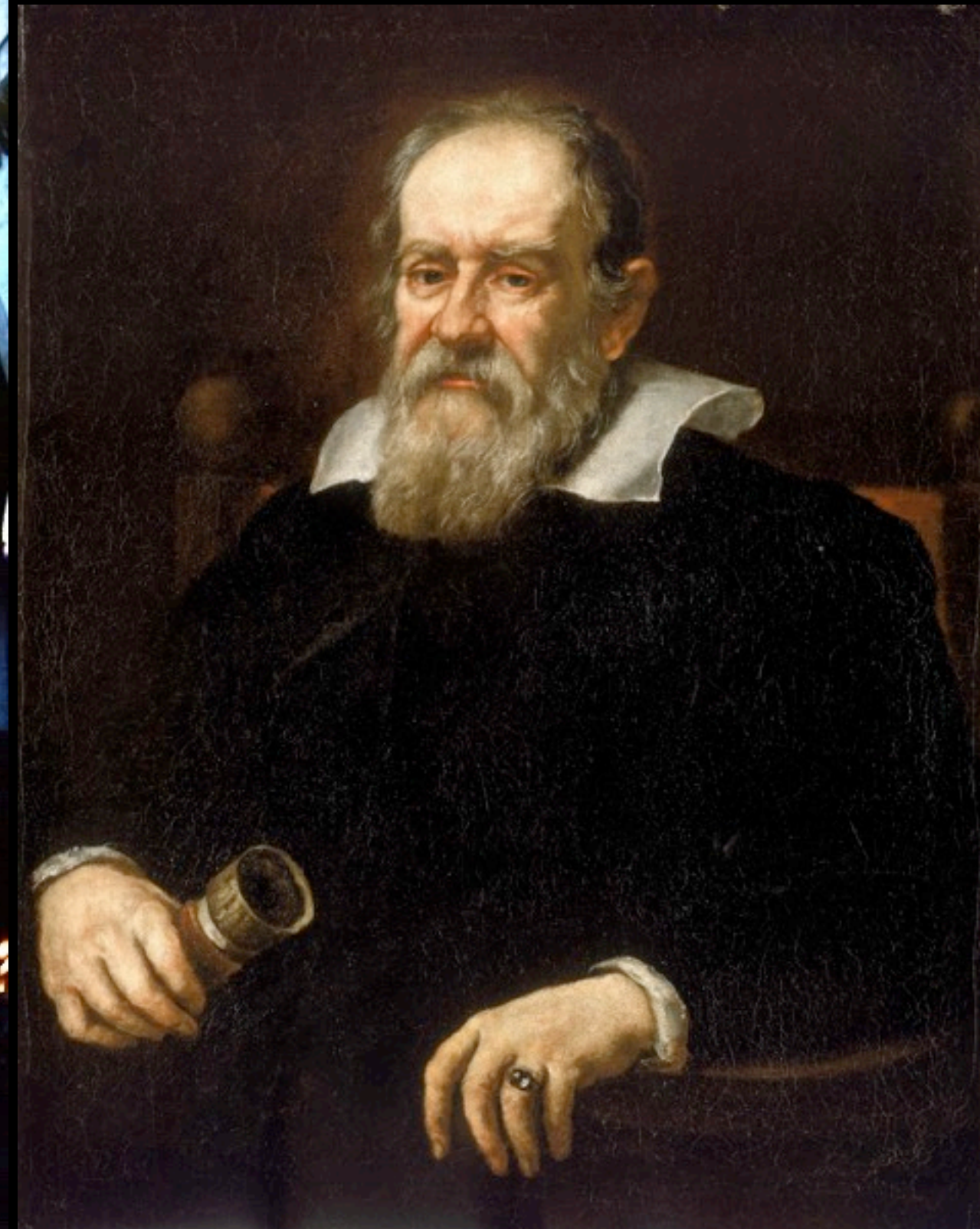
















Galileo Galilei, 1564-1642 (78)





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